

The regular scheduled meeting of Trenton Town Council was held in Council Chamber on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, beginning at 6:00 PM.

Present: Deputy Mayor VJ Earle
Councilor Steven Cotter
Councilor Heather Head
Councilor Nicole LeBlanc
Alanna Grover, CAO
Marilou Sutherland, Deputy Clerk

Also in Attendance: Steven Stewart
Stephanie MacKinnon

Regret: Mayor Donald Hussher

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Earle.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councilor Cotter
Seconded by Councilor Head
To accept the Agenda as presented.
Motion carried.

Land Acknowledgement – Deputy Mayor Earle

At the Town of Trenton, we acknowledge that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people. This land is governed by the treaties of Peace and friendship, first signed by the Mi'kmaq. We reside by Pictou Landing First Nation, which is governed by a Chief and Five Council.

Approval of Minutes

Council Minutes – September 12, 2023
Moved by Councilor LeBlanc
Seconded by Councilor Head
To accept the minutes from September 12, 2023, Council meeting.
Motion carried.

Council Minutes Special – September 21, 2023

Moved by Councilor Head
Seconded by Councilor Cotter
To accept the minutes from September 21, 2023, Special Council meeting as presented.
Motion carried.

Reports

General Government Report

Moved by Councilor LeBlanc

Seconded by Councilor Head

That the monthly Government Report be received for information.

Motion carried.

Public Works Report

Moved by Councilor Cotter

Seconded by Councilor Head

That the monthly Public Works report be received for information.

Motion carried.

Water Report

Moved by Councilor LeBlanc

Seconded by Councilor Cotter

That the monthly Water report be received for information.

Motion carried.

Fire Report

Moved by Councilor Head

Seconded by Councilor LeBlanc

That the monthly Fire report be received for information.

Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation Report

Moved by Councilor Cotter

Seconded by Councilor LeBlanc

That the monthly Parks and Recreation report be received for information.

Motion carried.

Police Report

Moved by Councilor Head

Seconded by Councilor LeBlanc

That the monthly Police report be received for information.

Motion carried.

Animal Control Officer Report

Moved by Councilor Cotter

Seconded by Councilor Head

That the monthly Animal Control Officer report be received for information.

Motion carried.

New Business

**Town of Trenton Bylaw No. 2023-03 Tax Exemption for Non-Profit Organizations –
Second Reading**

Moved by Councilor LeBlanc

Seconded by Councilor Cotter

To accept the Town of Trenton Bylaw No. 2023-03 Tax Exemption for Non-Profit Organizations for second\final reading.

Motion carried.

Resolution: 2023.10.10 Signing Authority Deputy Mayor

Moved by Councilor Head

Seconded by Councilor LeBlanc

To approve Resolution: 2023.10.10 Signing Authority Deputy Mayor for Councilor Steven Cotter from November 1, 2023, until October 31, 2024.

Motion carried.

Committee Procedural Policy – Revised

Moved by Councilor Head

Seconded by Councilor Cotter

To revise Policy No. COM-20231010 Committee Procedural Policy to include Committees of Council to: Accessibility Committee, Asset Management Committee, Audit Committee, Planning Advisory Committee, Source Water Protection Advisory Committee and Trenton FunFest Committee.

Motion carried.

Pictou County Pride

Moved by Councilor LeBlanc

Seconded by Councilor Head

The Pictou County Pride correspondence be received for information.

Motion carried.

Round Table

- Councilor LeBlanc thanked the CAO for arranging the tour of Trenton Middle School with Principal Shane Pitts. The Trenton Station has received interest in hosting a Market starting in the spring.
- Councilor Head stated Viola's Place is seeking volunteers to help with breakfast program especially on Fridays. She inquired about lights at the Trenton Station.
- Councilor Cotter welcomed the new vendors at the Caboose. Work on the cenotaph is coming along. The work on the monument will be completed by November 11. An extension on the cenotaph grant may be requested in order to complete the project. It is Fire Prevention Week, Trenton Fire Department is hosting an open house Wednesday, October 11 from 6 to 8. The freezer full of Beef Draw tickets will be available until draw date December 17.

- Deputy Mayor Earle inquired about the asphalt patching status, the CAO reported that the patching is $\frac{3}{4}$ completed. Thanked public works for removing overgrown tree at the Cenotaph stairs.

Resident

Stephanie MacKinnon questioned why the Park Pavilion is winterized, it is a missed opportunity to generate revenue from rentals.

Steven Stewart asked if the washrooms at Trenton Park are open for the winter.

Inquired if there is any update on the Mountain Bike group. Mr. Stewart questioned the status of a Council member.

Adjournment

Moved by Councilor Cotter

Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

VJ Earle
Deputy Mayor

Alanna Grover
CAO